

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A rubber composition for tire treads, which comprises (A) 100 parts by weight of a diene rubber comprising at least 35 % by weight of a styrene-butadiene rubber, (B) 5 to 50 parts by weight of clay having a particle size of 0.5 to 10 μ m, (C) at least 5 parts by weight of silica having a nitrogen absorption specific surface area of 100 to 300 m²/g and (D) at least 1 ~~parts~~ part by weight of carbon black having a nitrogen absorption specific surface area of 70 to 300 m²/g, and ~~has~~ having a total amount of (B) clay and (C) silica of at least 30 parts by weight and a total amount of (B) clay, (C) silica and (D) carbon black of at most 100 parts by weight.

2. (CANCELLED)

3. (Previously Amended) The rubber composition for tire treads of claim 1, which comprises (E) a silane-coupling agent.

4. (Previously Amended) A pneumatic tire, which has a tread made of the rubber composition of claim 1.

5. (CANCELLED)

6. (Previously Amended) A pneumatic tire, which has a tread made of the rubber composition of claim 3.